

## WMS. D. A. MEETING PROVES GREAT GET-TOGETHER SUCCESS

**ATTENDANCE LARGEST ON RECORD—ENTHUSIASM UNBOUNDED—SUMMER WORK DEFINITELY LAID OUT—COMMITTEES ON CONSTRUCTION, ROAD & PUBLICITY PROVIDED FOR—THE GET TOGETHER SPIRIT STRONGLY MANIFESTED**

With largest attendance yet on record the Williams Development Association was called to order at the Forestry Office, last Tuesday night, by President Greene.

After hearing the minutes of the previous meeting, the Committee on Clean-up was asked to report. Chairman Nordyke reported that due to the unfavorable weather no definite action had been taken by the committee, but that they planned to co-operate with the town council in a determined effort to make Williams a clean town, as soon as the weather would put the roads in condition for heavy hauling.

Councilman Kirkpatrick, street supervisor, stated that the town team would be ready to begin the hauling away of tin cans and like rubbish, as soon as the roads will permit. He also stated that he as supervisor would be pleased to have the co-operation and assistance of the committee in making this year's clean-up complete, and in keeping the town clan.

Edwin Johnson, speaking for the Membership Committee stated that fifteen additional members had been secured since the last report, making a total paid-up membership of sixty-five. Two new members were added to the list during the meeting bringing the total to sixty-seven and many more have indicated their intention of joining the organization.

The question of raising the Coleman Lake dam was next taken under discussion. Nick Perkins was present and his views on the subject were asked. Mr. Perkins stated that he considered the present dam in about the right location, and that the work of raising it six or more feet ought to run well under \$1,000 counting in the teams and all. The teams being donated, this would bring the cost down to a few hundred dollars. It would only be necessary for the organization to raise funds enough to feed the men and teams, pay for the transportation of supplies to the lake, and possibly for the hiring of a few teamsters. He said the remarkably small cost of the dam would be due mainly to the nature of the soil making the grading easy, and the short length of the dam. He estimated the length of the dam at not over two hundred and seventy-five feet when brot to a level six feet higher.

The question was raised as to whether Mr. Henderson would be favorable to the proposition. Mr. Wm. Hughes volunteered information on this point. He stated that he had talked with Mr. Henderson only a few days before at Congress and that Mr. Henderson stated that he would have no objection at all to the dam being raised two feet or so, but that he would have to look into the matter to see how much of his land would be flooded

before he would consent to its being raised six feet. It was the sense of the meeting that a survey of the lake should be made as soon as possible in order to determine just how far over Mr. Henderson's land the proposed dam would back the water. With this determined, Mr. Henderson should be consulted and reparation offered if Mr. Henderson considered that his holdings would be seriously injured by the backed water.

The question of securing teams was raised and it was found that sufficient teams would be available without cost to the organization. This brings the proposed construction easily within the capabilities of the organization and the only things upon which the venture now need wait, are: a permit from the Forestry Service, a concession from Mr. Henderson, and continued good weather to put the ground in shape.

The following committee was appointed to have charge of the construction of the dam:

M. N. Perkins, Chairman, K. Hughes and Chas. Wade, members.

The proposed road south was next taken under discussion. Mr. Perkins being best acquainted with the country south, was again called upon for information. He stated that the old government road which comes out above Cedar Glade could be put in shape for a reasonable amount and that it could be made passable at a very small expense. Information was also volunteered that Supervisor Woolfolk had stated that it might be possible to get the county engineer into the field to determine the feasibility of such a road during the present summer.

The following Road Committee was appointed to consult with the County Supervisors and aid in other ways in the development of good roads for Williams and vicinity, but to work especially on the Coleman Lake Road:

W. M. Hughes, Chairman, and P. A. Melick, G. B. Kirkpatrick, Earle Polson and B. F. Sweetwood, members.

A letter from George Wharton James, author of "California, Romantic and Beautiful" "In and Around the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in Arizona", and many other books on the great west, was placed before the organization. Mr. James offers to give a lecture on the Supai Indians and the Supai Village, if the organization will pay his expenses, from the Canyon to Williams and return. The executive committee was empowered to deal with the matter and arrange for the lecture if Mr. James can be secured on a favorable night.

Mr. James is issuing a book on Arizona and offers to include a chapter on Williams if

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## WMS. OPERA HOUSE IS WELL PATRONIZED

**New Theatre Attracts Good Crowds of Entertainment Seekers**

The Williams Opera House Theatre is proving a very successful venture in film presentation, made so by the generous patronage of a host of pleasure seekers. The faulty wiring which caused a little trouble at the start has been remedied and everything is now working very smoothly. A new reostat has been installed and the machines are in perfect order and the pictures are well defined. The pictures shown are high class and of a character to appeal to every lover of movie action. The management of the new theatre will only show Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays the remainder of the month. The weekly Saturday night dance will be given, one night for Americans and the alternate night for Mexicans.

## WHOSE ROOM IS THIS?

See how this question is answered in "Box and Fox" to be given in the school auditorium by High School students on the 23rd. of March. Other interesting numbers to be presented will include a scarf drill a folk dance, chorus work and music by the school orchestra. Proceeds to be devoted to the basket ball association.

Admission 15 and 25 cents.

## Representative Cureton Home

Representative T. H. Cureton returned home from Phoenix Saturday on No. 8. He reports enjoying the session of the legislature very much. He was well treated, being assigned to good committees and he enjoyed as many privileges as any member. He and Senator Campbell were able to do a good deal for Coconino County. They got a larger appropriation for the State Normal at Flagstaff than any other state school got. They also secured full maintenance for the school the first time that it has been accomplished.

Rep. Cureton avoided rank partisanship and he and Senator Campbell worked in perfect harmony, each helping the other in his own legislative hall. The result was perfect team work and big results.

## To Get Together on Signs

Forest Supervisor Greene has been conferring this week with the officials of the Automobile Club of Southern California relative to getting together on the placing of road signs in the Tusayan National Forest. Mr. Greene proposes that standard forest signs be used along the Old Trail's route, but suggests that the symbol of the Club be placed at the top of the pole above each sign to aid tourists who are following the Club's signs. The officials of the Club are desirous of co-operating with the Forest Service and it is probable that the plan proposed by Mr. Greene will be adopted.

## MOTHERS MEET MAR. 21

The Mother's Department of the M. E. Sunday School will meet with Mrs. Carlson Wednesday, March 21. The subject for consideration will be "Play in Education".

## LEADERS TRYING TO SOLIDIFY PROGRESSIVES

The News is in receipt of a communication from Frederick Price Comfort of Flagstaff calling attention to the Convention of the National Progressive Party which is to be held in St. Louis April 12, 13, and 14, and asks that the News give the matter mention. The News is very glad to comply with Mr. Comfort's request and does so sympathetically. Not that the News is a party Progressive, but that the News yields to no one in its progressiveness and it is glad to see progressive sentiment strengthened by any fair means.

The Progressive party was betrayed by its leaders last year and thru this betrayal it got an almost fatal setback. The attempt to elect Mr. Hughes with Progressive votes failed for the reason that Mr. Wilson was recognized as more truly progressive than Mr. Hughes and he drew a great many progressives to himself. The working progressives are to-day in the Democratic party and Mr. Wilson is their leader.

A new political alignment is logical for the reason that both old parties have discordant elements which are held together by the power of spoils. Such a union can not endure. Out of the present political unrest new parties must appear, how soon can not be predicted. The new party must be a democratic party for only democracy is in line with progress.

At the present time the News sees no course open to it but to follow the leadership of Woodrow Wilson, the greatest democrat since Lincoln. The News believes that when cross shall have been separated from pure metal, reactionaries from progressives in all parties, Woodrow Wilson will be found a leader of the new democracy, emancipated from the malignant influences of the bourgeois of the party for only democracy is and Republican parties.

## Virginian In Town

Last week Wednesday Henry St. George Tucker of Lexington, Va., was in town having come in on No. 22. Mr. Tucker was on his way home from California and intended to go up to the Canyon on No. 14, but No. 22 was late and he was obliged to wait for No. 12 Thursday morning.

Mr. Tucker is an ex-congressman having served his district in Virginia from 1893 to 1901. He is, of course, a democrat and a warm supporter of president Wilson. Arizona appeals to Mr. Tucker as quite a remarkable state in climate, topography and civil institutions. He is acquainted with Senator Mark P. Smith and also with our post master, L. S. Williams.

## Grand Canyon School Closed

On account of a measles scare, the school at the Grand Canyon is closed. Terry Havens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Havens, was taken ill with the measles last Friday and it was decided by the board of trustees that it would be safer to close the school for a week, fumigate it, and by that time any case that was going to develop would be evident. No other case has developed so far.

## TO EDIT PAPER FROM A TRAIN

**El Paso Herald To Give Big Writeups to Southwestern Section**

As a result of the trade excursion here next week from El Paso, this section is going to get a real writeup in The El Paso Herald, for that enterprising newspaper is going to have more men on the train than any other El Paso firm.

H. D. Slater, president and editor in chief; G. A. Martin, news editor, and H. H. Fris, circulation manager, have all signed for the trip and have a stateroom on the train, where a real editorial office will be operated while the states of Arizona and New Mexico are visited.

While Mr. Slater and Mr. Martin are looking over the improvements and growth of this section since their last visit here, Mr. Fris will visit his dealers at the different stops and make inquiries regarding service to the subscribers of the paper.

The El Paso Herald is strictly a paper of the Southwest and demonstrates this on every possible occasion. The Herald is a consistent booster of all the Southwest all the time.

## Will Map Auto Roads

D. C. Mitchell and D. H. Keller representing the Automobile Club of Southern California were in Williams Monday on their way east. These gentlemen have undertaken a trip, one object which is to note the destruction of the signs which the Club has put up along the National Old Trails Road with a view to replacing them and another is to gather data for remapping the road to Kansas City and also for mapping the road from Kansas City to St. Louis, St. Louis to Chicago, Chicago to Omaha and from Omaha south to Kansas City. As soon as possible after the work of observation is completed a book will be issued giving maps of the roads and their connections and other information valuable to automobile travelers. A particular object of the book will be to direct travelers to the southern road. The missing signs will be replaced on the return trip.

## Insane Girl Found

Edith Johnson, colored, who has been suffering for some time from religious dementia, disappeared Friday night. Saturday forenoon officers Bobby Burns, Scotty McDougall and Chas. Wade hunted for her and she was finally found in the country sitting under a pine tree with her feet in a running stream of water and singing religious songs. She was brought into town and taken to Flag. on No. 22. Her mental condition will be looked into and, if adjudged insane, she will probably be taken to the insane asylum.

## Bought The Barney Property

Mr. I. P. McConkey has purchased the Geo. Barney property on First street and he has carpenters at work overhauling and adding to the house. Mr. Ed Mailhes has charge of the work. Mr. McConkey expects to move his family into the new home in about three weeks.

## AN EVENING BLAZE ON HANCOCK STREET

**Martin Buggeln Barn Destroyed with Contents of Hay and Machinery—Cause of Fire is Unknown**

At a little past five last evening the people of Williams were startled by the shrill note of the fire alarm and they rushed into the street to learn the cause. A dense column of black smoke was seen rising in the south part of town and the first guess of many was that the public school building was burning but it became evident to those who approached the fire that it was beyond the school house and a nearer approach discovered Martin Buggeln's long barn at the back of his lots on Hancock street to be on fire.

The fire department was soon on the spot and by their strenuous efforts the fire was held in check and finally subdued but not until the barn had been practically destroyed and its contents of some 15 to 20 tons of alfalfa hay and two brand new farm wagons belonging to Johnson & McConkey rendered of little value. The assembled crowd of interested spectators gave a good deal of help in holding the fire by tearing down fencing and portions of the barn which were on fire. This morning the ruins were still smoking and in need of attention, but all danger to other buildings was past. Fortunately the barn was quite isolated, else there would have been a destructive fire, for a brisk breeze was blowing from the southwest. The roof of the building was metal and the wind was unable to carry brands to the not very distant buildings to the leeward.

This fire and others on elevated ground prove that the fire pressure of the waterworks is not what it should be. Altho the Buggeln barn was not tall, water could not have been thrown over it.

## Annual Meeting of W. P. L.

The W. P. L. Board held their regular monthly meeting at the library building March 1st with President Mrs. Nordyke in charge. Following is the monthly report for January and February.

Cards sold in Jan. 12 @ 10	1.20
Fines	.65
Total	1.85
Books read	148
Cards sold in Feby. 5 @ 10	.50
Fines	1.30
Total	1.80
Books read	142

I wish to correct a statement I made some time ago I stated Jr. Classics were \$26.10 when we also bought a set of Shakespeares in addition to Jr. Classics which made the total for the two sets \$26.10.

Secy. W. P. L. Board.

## NOTICE

All persons desiring to be a candidate for School Trustee should notify the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of their desire, in writing on or before Saturday, March 24, in order to get their names on the official ballot.